

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1. - 11. (canceled).

12. (currently amended): A method for lowering postprandial blood glucose level and fasting blood glucose level without causing prolonged hypoglycemia, which comprises administering to a type II human diabetic patient within 10 minutes before starting meal 10 to 11 mg of a calcium salt of mitiglinide or mitiglinide calcium salt hydrate, as a single dose~~before meal 5 to 45 mg of mitiglinide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a hydrate thereof, as a single dose.~~

13. (cancelled):

14. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 12 wherein the single dose is 10 to 11 mg and the active ingredient is mitiglinide calcium salt hydrate.

Claims 15. - 23. (canceled).

24. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 12 wherein the type II diabetic patient is a human patient whose HbA_{1C} value is not less than 6.5% and the 1 hour or 2

hour value of postprandial plasma glucose is not less than 200 mg/dL even after more than 8-week diet therapy.

Claims 25-33 (canceled).

34. (currently amended): A method as claimed in claim 1230, which comprises administering three times a day within 5 minutes before starting each meal for 4 weeks or more.

35. (currently amended): A method as claimed in claim 1431, which comprises administering three times a day within 5 minutes before starting each meal for 4 weeks or more.

36. (currently amended): A method as claimed in claim 2432, which comprises administering three times a day within 5 minutes before starting each meal for 4 weeks or more.